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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION

SUBJECT:

Post-Mortem on NIE-47, "Communist Capabilities and Intentions in Asia," NIE-55/1, "Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action in Korea," and NIE-58, "Relations Between the Chinese Communist Regime and the USSR: Their Present Character and Probable Future Courses."

REFERENCE:

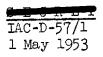
Procedure for Reducing Intelligence Deficiencies

in NIE's, dated 3 June 1952

ENCLOSURE:

A. List of Intelligence Deficiencies Revealed in the Preparation of NIE's 47, 55/1 and 58

- 1. On 16 December 1952, the IAC representatives held a post-mortem meeting on NIE's 47, 55/1, and 58.
 - 2. The IAC representatives noted that:
 - a. Steps taken by the IAC agencies as a result of the post-mortem on SE-27 ("Probable Effects of Various Possible Courses of Action with Respect to Communist China," dated 5 June 1952) are beginning to result in better coverage of economic questions.
 - b. Many of the deficiencies encountered in the preparation of NIE-47, NIE-55/1, and NIE-58 are obvious weaknesses which the IAC agencies are currently trying to correct. In other cases the gaps may well be "unknowable."
 - c. Nevertheless, a further study of the intelligence weaknesses in these estimates may assist the efforts made by collection and research activities coping with these and related problems.



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3. The IAC representatives have agreed on a list of the more important current deficiencies in our intelligence (Enclosure \underline{A}).

4. Recommendation

That the collection agencies of the intelligence community review their priorities in the light of the findings of the IAC representatives as set forth in Enclosure \underline{A} .

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